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MEMORANDUM FOR: DAD/LS/ORD

SUBJECT: Events Leading to the Establishment of a
CIA/DDC Information Exchange System

1. Pursuant to your request, set forth below in chronological order is the series of events that led to the establishment of a new CIA/DOD scientific and technical information exchange system. The Deputy CIA Librarian terms this system an "information breakthrough with DOD." I have intentionally kept the descriptions of the events brief because in my opinion it is not how it was done that is important but the fact that it was done.

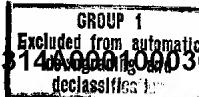
a. 15 November 63 - Expressed desire by DAD/LS/ORD that "scientific information channels be opened into other government agencies." Purpose was to determine research in process in order that economy could be effected by avoiding CIA duplication of other government research.

b. 15 November-1 December 63 - Review of all pertinent government scientific and technical information centers by SA/DAD/LS/ORD in conjunction with OCR/CIA (e.g., NASA, DOD, AEC, HEW, SIE).

c. 10 December 63 - Identity of the new Defense Documentation Center (DDC) (formerly ASTIA) as an important source of information relative to ORD interests.

d. 16 December 63 - Began preliminary discussions with DD/R&E (Mr. Walter Carlson, Director of Technical Information, Department of Defense) in an effort to open up channel into DDC. Found some DDC support to CIA in existence but no where near the quality or quantity we had in mind. Some reluctance on the part of Carlson to assist and was referred by him to DIA to "work out the problem."

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e. 17 December 63-10 January 64 - Discussions with DIA (and the three Services). Much pontificating by DIA but no action. This exercise did reveal that DD/R&E (Carlson) held all the chips as far as DOD research information was concerned.

f. 16 January 64 - Meeting with Carlson to restate CIA needs for DOD research information. Carlson now most receptive but upset over dissemination of CIA finished intelligence. (I suspect this is why I was referred to DIA earlier.) Briefed him on CIA finished intelligence dissemination procedures. Satisfied him that CIA was not the culprit responsible for withholding scientific intelligence from DD/R&E researchers. Received his verbal approval for unlimited access to DDC. Promised letter from CIA formalizing our request.

g. 18 January 64 - DD/S&T signs letter to DD/R&E formalizing CIA request for DOD scientific and technical information support from DDC.

h. 29 January 64 - ORD receives first DDC "613" trial balloon "run" on sensory mechanisms in birds and mammals. Excellent job.

i. 29 January 64 - Met with Dr. Robert Stegmaier, Administrator, DDC, to work out administrative details of the new system. Found Wheelon's letter had triggered a "blanket order for unlimited assistance to CIA" from DD/R&E to DDC. Deputy CIA Librarian present at meeting. System worked out; no hitches.

j. 30 January 64 - CIA Library designated as the focal point for all requests to DDC. Requestors should contact [redacted] Room 1H1125, [redacted]

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k. 31 January 64 - All ORD personnel informed of new system and details for utilization.

2. In summary, we now have a system that will provide CIA with unlimited access to DOD scientific and technical

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research information housed in DDC. There are no security classification restrictions on information to be provided by DDC. CIA can now obtain copies of DDC 613 research requests, machine "runs" on broad scientific areas of research, and copies of DOD contract and status reports. DDC information service to CIA contractors will now be provided upon DDC receipt of authentication by CIA relative to security clearances and "need-to-know" by the contractor.



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